Provost's Award for Outstanding Teaching by a Graduate Teaching Assistant

Application Requirements

Applicants must assemble an e-portfolio (Google Sites is recommended, but not required) with the following components named as indicated below (do not deviate by using "creative" names instead). Submissions of LinkedIn pages, USF department profile pages, Github pages, or anything that is not an e-portfolio will not be judged.

Curriculum Vitae. The curriculum vitae is an academic resume, and typically is much longer than a standard job resume, since it includes all relevant work, publications, teaching, employment, service, and professional development to academic life. Applicantpme5S B0 g0 Tw 10.02 0 0 10.02 2 499.44 Tm(attac)3.8 (h)-1.9 (m)2.5 (e)1 (n)-1.9 (ts)1.7)-2.

Narrative.   The narrative is an essay that offers detail about the applicant's specific teaching examples and choices. If the teaching philosophy (see above) provides a glimpse at the applicant's THEORY of teaching, the narrative explains the PRACTICE, as well as how the theory is transferred to practice. One of the main elements of a paper-based teaching portfolio is the collection of documents typically held in an appendix. These documents offer examples of the teacher's practice, and typically include items created by the instructor (sample syllabi, lesson plans, test questions, essay prompts, grading rubrics, etc), items created by others (student evaluations, unsolicited notes from students, observation forms, etc), and evidence of student learning ("before and after" student essays, pre-and post-tests, etc). Note that not EVERY item listed above needs to be present; this is simply a list of possible inclusions. Since the e-portfolio supports links and attachments, the documents in applications for the USF Teaching Assistant Award will come as attachments to the Narrative page. The narrative essay itself can make references to these attachments throughout. Think of the narrative as an opportunity to "guide" the viewer's eye when looking at those attached documents—what elements need explanation or deserve to be pointed out as exemplary practices? The narrative can be anywhere from 2-10 double-spaced pages long when typed in word-processing software (about 2,500 words maximum, but as few as 500 is acceptable).

Sample E-Portfolio

Click here to view an example e-portfolio from a previous winner. Note that this is not provided as an example of effective teaching nor is it a perfect e-portfolio, and applicants should take care not to simply imitate the language of the essays in this sample.

More Assistance

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